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Protesters: Let us work

Local business owners join protest in Lansing

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

LANSING — In the midst of the dozens of vehicles that surrounded Michigan's Capitol Wednesday afternoon was a group of Southwest Michigan landscapers, construction workers and small business owners.

"We're absolutely not protesting coronavirus. We're protesting the governor's overreach. We believe we can work safely right now," said Anna Brooks, who runs Arcadia Gardens, a landscape design, installation and maintenance company in Stevensville, along with her husband.

Arcadia Gardens, and these other area businesses, have been out of work since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration classified lawn care, landscaping and some construction work as non-essential, meaning the companies are not allowed to operate while the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order is in effect.

Brooks has been corralling support from Southwest Michigan businesses for the last few weeks on Facebook. Together they have been urging legislators and the governor to reverse the decision, in an effort to get back to work.

She said heading to Wednesday's protest was another way for them to get their point across.

The protest, called "Operation Gridlock," was organized by the Michigan Conservative Coalition. Officials estimated thousands of people took part in the protest.

"This arbitrary blanket spread of shutting down businesses, about putting all of these workers out of business, is just a disaster.

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Paul Sancya / AP

Christopher Merrill protests at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday. Flag-waving, honking protesters drove past the Capitol to show their displeasure with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's orders to keep people at home and businesses locked during the new coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.

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Brett Rathgeb joins his children, from left, Rylan Rathgeb, 5, Wyatt Rathgeb, 3, and Jonathon Graack, 7, outside their Benton Harbor home Wednesday afternoon. The family has decorated their front window in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kids in quarantine

Families look for unique ways for their children to help others

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH – What do you call a pig carrying an ax?

A pork chop.

Residents walking on Kingsley Avenue in St. Joseph on a recent sunny day chuckled as they read that riddle, chalked on the sidewalk by an unidentified child.

That child, and others in the area, are finding ways to help their community and cheer people up as the coronavirus pandemic keeps people at home and, in many cases, separated from loved ones.

People walking or driving along Jamesway in Benton Harbor are encouraged to "Be safe and stay strong" as they pass a house where three youngsters, with the help of their dad, placed that message on the large front window of their home.

"We want people to stay safe and strong and eat healthy food," said Jonathon Graack, 7, son of Brett Rathgeb. Jonathon listed apples and bananas as examples of healthy food.

He and his brothers, Rylan Rathgeb, 5, and Wyatt Rathgeb, 3, said they spent a few hours working on the window. They cut out brightly-colored hearts to surround the message "Be safe and stay strong," taped onto the window from the inside.

"I helped hang them up!" Rylan said. "My favorite vegetables are carrots and broccoli."

Three-year-old Wyatt admitted to not having a favorite vegetable.

Across the bridge in St. Joseph, Daniel and Isabelle Fedewa, son and daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Fedewa, told The Herald-Palladium about the day they spent cleaning up Tiscornia and Rocky Gap beaches on a recent warm day.

Photo provided

Daniel, 14, and Isabelle, 10 Fedewa, son and daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Fedewa of St. Joseph, recently got outside and spent three hours picking up trash at beaches.

"We wanted them to have a chance to social distance while getting some exercise and doing something good," Jennifer Fedewa said. She is a special education teacher at South Haven High School and Aaron Fedewa works for ARS, an advertising firm in St. Joseph. Both are working from home.

Jennifer said she collects beach glass and stones and was going to venture to the beaches for a hunt.

"I changed my mind, and grabbed the kids, some trash bags and gloves," she said.

Daniel, 14, said he and his sister wanted to do something to help their community. They did so in the form of five large garbage bags filled with trash by the end of their trek on the beaches.

"We picked up a ridiculous amount of those weird plastic tops from cigarettes, bottles and bottle caps, and fishing line," Daniel said by telephone.

Isabelle, 10, said the task was tiring but, "I'm glad we did it because people don't have to step on sharp things

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Berrien County reports two more COVID-19 deaths

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Two more people have died from COVID-19 in Berrien County.

The Berrien County Health Department reported Wednesday that both were men over the age of 60 with underlying medical conditions.

These deaths bring the county's death toll to seven. All have been older men with underlying health conditions.

The first death was reported March 30 and the first positive cases were announced March 21.

In addition Wednesday, the BCHD reported 123 positive cases of COVID-19, a rise from the 111 reported Tuesday.

Out of those 123 positive cases, seven have died and 70 have recovered.

The BCHD reported Wednesday that they are working to pull together a variety of data sources to provide more robust information about the county's cases.

Van Buren County has two deaths and 26 positive cases, up from 22 cases reported Tuesday.

Cass County still has one death, with 17 positive cases. That's up from 13 reported Tuesday.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at about 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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Tech companies step up fight against bad coronavirus info

By AMANDA SEITZ and BARBARA ORTUTAY
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Potentially dangerous coronavirus misinformation has spread from continent to continent like the pandemic itself, forcing the world's largest tech companies to take unprecedented action to protect public health.

Facebook, Google and others have begun using algorithms, new rules and factual warnings to knock down harmful coronavirus conspiracy theories, questionable ads and unproven remedies that regularly crop up on their services – and which could jeopardize lives.

Health officials, critics and others who have long implored the tech companies to step up their response to viral falsehoods have welcomed the new effort, saying the platforms are now working faster than ever to scrub their sites of coronavirus misinformation.

"It was definitely, within the companies, a shift," said Andy Pattison, manager of digital solutions for the World Health Organization, who for nearly two years has urged companies like Facebook to take more aggressive action against anti-vaccination misinformation.

Pattison said he and his team now directly flag misleading coronavirus information and, at times, lobby for it to be removed from Facebook, Google and Google's YouTube service.

Last month, Iranian media reported more than 300

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This undated combo photo of images shows the Twitter app and YouTube logo.

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Relief checks begin arriving as economic fallout grows

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, PAUL WISEMAN and KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government relief checks began arriving in Americans' bank accounts as the economic damage to the U.S. from the coronavirus piled up Wednesday and sluggish sales at reopened stores in Europe and China made it clear that business won't necessarily bounce right back when the crisis eases.

With many factories shut down, American industrial output shriveled in March, registering its biggest decline since the U.S. demobilized in 1946 at the end of World War II. Retail sales fell by an unprecedented 8.7 percent, with April expected to be far worse.

The world's biggest economy began issuing one-time payments this week to tens of millions of people as part of its $2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package, with adults receiving up to $1,200 each and $500 per child to help them pay the rent or cover other bills. The checks will be directly deposited into accounts or mailed to households in the coming weeks, depending on how people filed their tax returns.

Among those receiving a check was Jacqueline Gonzalez, a 32-year-old single mother who was laid off from her job as a bartender and lives with her mother, a teacher, in Miami Lakes, Florida. Gonzalez paid her car insurance and gave her mother $500 for rent. She has signed up for food stamps.

"There is no other form of income for us right now. We have no other choice. We can't work from home," she said. "We're just sitting here. Bills are racking up."

In an unprecedented move, President Donald Trump's name will be printed on the paper checks. Still, in some places under stay-at-home orders, frustrations began to boil over among those worried the economic toll is more crushing than the virus itself.

And elsewhere around the world, the first steps in lifting economically crippling restrictions are running into resistance, with customers staying away from the reopened businesses and workers afraid of risking their health.

In China, millions are still wary of spending much or even going out. Some cities have resorted to handing out vouchers and trying to reassure consumers by showing officials in state media eating in restaurants.

"I put off plans to change cars and spend almost nothing on eating out or entertainment," said Zhang Hu, a truck salesman in Zhengzhou who has gone back to work but has seen his income plummet because few people are buying 20-ton rigs. "I have no idea when the situation will turn better."

In Austria, Marie Froehlich, who owns a clothing store in Vienna, said her staff was happy to be back after weeks cooped up at home. But dependent largely on tourism, which has dried up amid the travel restrictions, she expects the business will take months to return to normal.

"Until then, we are in crisis mode," she said.

Rome's streets were also largely deserted despite the reopening of some stores.

Worldwide, deaths have topped 130,000 and confirmed infections 2 million, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. The figures understate the true size of the crisis, in part because of limited testing, different ways of counting the dead, and concealment by some governments

The U.S. has recorded approximately 28,000 deaths – highest in the world – and over 600,000 confirmed infections, by Johns Hopkins' count. Still, the nightmare scenarios projecting a far greater number of deaths and hospitalizations have not come to pass, raising hopes from coast to coast.

The economic damage from the effort to "flatten the curve" of infections has mounted alarmingly.

Marcio Jose Sanchez / AP

A farmworker, considered an essential worker under the current COVID-19 pandemic guidelines, covers his face as he works at a flower farm Wednesday in Santa Paula, Calif.

While grocery store sales in the U.S. jumped nearly 26 percent in March as Americans stocked up on food and other goods, auto sales plummeted by one-quarter and clothing store sales slid by more than half, the government reported. The category that mostly includes online shopping rose more than 3 percent.

"Clear signs of panic buying of necessities and the fact that lockdowns were introduced only around the middle of the month means that far worse is to come in April and the second quarter more generally," said Michael Pearce, an economist at the consulting firm Capital Economics.

U.S. manufacturing output dropped 6.3 percent last month, led by plunging production at auto factories, which have shut down entirely.

As of last week, some 17 million Americans had been thrown onto the unemployment rolls.

At least one state, California, is providing its own stimulus to residents: Gov. Gavin Newsom announced $500 payments for individuals, including the state's estimated 2 million immigrants who are in the country illegally and ineligible for the federal payouts.

A day after Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak said his state's idled economy was nowhere near a restart, Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman made an impassioned plea for reopening her city, saying it is withering with tourists staying home and conventions and businesses closed.

"The longer we wait to do this, the more impossible it will become to recover," Goodman said.

CEOs urge caution as Trump looks to reopen economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump consulted with dozens of high-profile CEOs, union officials and other executives Wednesday on how to get the nation's economy moving again and received a mixed message from the industry leaders: They, too, want to get the economy going but they have worries about whether there are enough coronavirus tests available to ensure workers can safely return to the job.

In a tweet midway through Trump's round of four conference calls with the executives, the president said the participants were "all-in on getting America back to work, and soon."

But participants in a morning call that included the heads of CIGNA insurance, Jimmy John's fast food chain and dozens of other leading American companies raised concerns about the testing issue, according to one participant who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private discussion.

Mark Cuban, the billionaire entrepreneur and owner of the Dallas Mavericks, was among several representatives from major sports leagues to speak with Trump. He credited the president during a Fox News interview with gathering some of the "best of the best" to help shape his approach on reopening the economy. Still, Cuban did not embrace Trump's push to reopen parts of the economy May 1.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
02-05-06-34-36-39
Estimated jackpot
$3.2 million
Poker Lotto
JH-KH-QS-AS-10H
Midday Daily 3
5-0-5
Midday Daily 4
4-4-1-3
Daily 3
9-7-8
Daily 4
2-2-0-5
Fantasy 5
04-15-18-29-36
Keno
01-03-06-07-10-14-21-24-28-31-35-36-38-41-42-44-49-50-55-65-68-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$159 million
Powerball jackpot
$22 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
29-47-65-69-70, Mega Ball: 7, Megaplier: 4
Indiana
Cash 5
06-08-16-17-20
Estimated jackpot
$223,500
Cash4Life
29-30-31-53-54, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-13-17-18-27-28-32-38-39-40-42-46-47-68-69-70-72-73-78, BE: 18
Daily Three-Midday
8-6-3, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
3-2-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
6-7-2-6, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
0-1-0-2, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
06-07-09-12-26-31-35-37-41-42-44-47-55-58-59-60-62-64-67-70, BE: 70
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
01-08-29-37-41
Estimated jackpot
$450,000
Pick Three-Midday
2-7-7, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
0-0-8, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
9-6-9-3, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
5-6-5-2, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
06-09-10-16-39

– The Associated Press

WHO, allies lament Trump cut to funding

By JAMEY KEATEN and MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

GENEVA — The head of the World Health Organization on Wednesday lamented the U.S. decision to halt funding for the U.N. agency, promising a review of its decisions while sidestepping President Donald Trump's complaints about its alleged mismanagement, cover-up and missteps.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was on the defensive after Trump announced a halt to U.S. funding that has totaled nearly a half-billion dollars annually in recent years. Trump claimed the WHO had parroted Chinese assurances about how the virus is spread, failed to obtain virus samples from China, and made a "disastrous decision" to oppose travel restrictions as the outbreak spread.

Countries and health experts around the world expressed alarm at Trump's move and warned it could jeopardize efforts to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Philanthropists like Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg joined European and African leaders and health experts who lined up behind the WHO or insisted the U.S. shouldn't cut off funding at such a critical time.

While Trump pointed to a U.S. investigation of the U.N. agency, Tedros stopped short of addressing his complaints directly and said the WHO's performance in handling the outbreak would be reviewed as part of a "usual process" to ensure transparency and accountability.

"We regret the decision of the president of the United States to order a halt in funding to the World Health Organization," Tedros said. "WHO is reviewing the impact on our work of any withdrawal of U.S. funding and will work with our partners to fill any financial gaps we face."

Alex Brandon / AP

President Donald Trump arrives to speak about the coronavirus Tuesday in the Rose Garden of the White House.

"No doubt, areas for improvement will be identified and there will be lessons for all of us to learn," he added. "But for now, our focus – my focus – is on stopping this virus and saving lives."

The exact fallout from a halt in U.S. funding was far from clear.

The WHO runs on biennial budgets, and U.S. funding comes in two main forms – about three-fourths of it through "voluntary" contributions and one-fourth through "assessed" contributions, which are a bit like regular dues. The U.S. already contributed at least $15 million to a $675 million emergency fund set up by the WHO to help pay for the initial coronavirus response through April.

"Trump has a mercurial reputation. So he sort of promises death and destruction and then it doesn't necessarily happen," said Gian Luca Burci, a former legal counsel for WHO who now teaches at Geneva's Graduate Institute. "I think it will become more clear in the next few weeks."

He noted WHO's tricky task of uniting opposing constituencies: China and the U.S. have been at odds on a number of issues.

"Maybe Tedros went too far," he said. "But you can see also some of the reasons why he wanted to secure China's cooperation."

Trump has repeatedly labelled COVID-19 the "Chinese virus" and criticized the agency for being too lenient on China, where the novel coronavirus first emerged late last year.

Outside experts have questioned China's reported infections and deaths from the virus, calling them way too low and unreliable. An investigation by The Associated Press has found that a six-day delay between when Chinese officials learnt about the virus and when they warned the public allowed the outbreak to blossom into an enormous public health disaster.

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BENTON HARBOR

City takes step toward $15 million project

Sewer and water rates expected to rise 8-10 percent

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners Wednesday decided against breaking apart the almost $15 million infrastructure project they approved in January.

Commissioners asked the city's engineer to put together a financial package for them to consider Monday that includes raising sewer and water rates between 8 to 10 percent and using $700,000 annually from city income tax money.

Chris Cook, president of Abonmarche, said that raising the rates that much would increase the average sewer and water bill between $5.25 to $8.25 per month.

City Manager Ellis Mitchell said that the projects are in desperate need of being done.

"Look at each project and look at the price per household," he said during the meeting, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "That's not a big increase per household."

Recent studies have shown that 60 percent of the city's sanitary sewer lines and 67-80 percent of the city's water lines are in poor to very poor condition and are well past their useful life, Cook said.

He said that the project will also replace 150 lead service lines, which will fulfill state requirements for the next three years.

In March, commissioners bulked at doing the entire project at once when they found out that the state was requiring the city to generate another $1.3 million annually to cover current operating costs and the proposed debt. Water and sewer rates haven't been increased since at least 2013.

On Wednesday, Cook presented commissioners with five options to break the project into pieces so construction and cost would be spread over more years. If done at once, the construction part of the project will take about two years, with the low-interest loans from the state being paid off over 30 years.

But in the end, commissioners decided that residents will support the project in its entirety if they see progress.

"It is unacceptable to do nothing," Commissioner Sharon Henderson said.

At a previous meeting, Cook identified $100 million in work that needs to be done, which included not only sewer and water work, but streets and sidewalks.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said they can't fix it all right away, but they can get started.

"We can't eat the elephant all at once," he said. "We inherited crumbling infrastructure, decades-old pipes. The (water) tower has been a nemesis for years. ... We have to make some tough decisions."

Adams said she initially didn't support using city income money for the project because it's meant to be for the streets, but she changed her mind.

"It makes no sense to keep fixing streets when what's under them needs to be fixed," she said.

The city has qualified to receive low-interest loans from the state to cover almost 66 percent of the costs, with the rest of the money, about $5 million, coming from the city. The city also qualified to receive $1.4 million in loan forgiveness from the state. Besides roads, almost $500,000 of the money is slated to be used to fix the water tower at the corner of Britain Avenue and 8th Street.

The locations of the rest of the proposed projects are: Pipestone from Main Street to Vineyard; Michigan, Wall and Highland from south of Oak to Jefferson; Vineyard from Pipestone to east end; Maple from Pipestone to Cedar; Highland from Territorial to Highland; Territorial from Winans to Seeley; and Stevens from Riverside to Waukonda.

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SPRING SNOW

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Daffodils at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell in downtown St. Joseph bend under an accumulation of snow Wednesday after a spring snowstorm moved through the area.

Beyond the books

Libraries expand online services, due dates for patrons

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

The doors to Southwest Michigan libraries might be closed, but patrons are still reading.

Library directors across the region are reporting an increase in online checkouts for e-books, audiobooks and other online services as the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many to their homes.

In the past few weeks, several libraries have expanded their virtual reach by offering temporary online library cards.

St. Joseph Library Director Stephanie Masin said prior to the executive order being handed down, they began looking at ways of disinfecting everything.

"It became apparent that this was not going to be an option," Masin said. "We could disinfect the outside of the book, not necessarily the inside of them."

The libraries throughout the state were on the forefront of reacting well ahead of the stay-home executive order.

St. Joseph's library set up a Google phone number so staff could still take questions when patrons called. It was a slow transition, but Masin said they've answered several queries on due dates and whether people can stop in and get a book.

Among the changes they made was extending due dates for a couple months.

"The last thing we want to do is punish people for doing what they're supposed to do by staying home," Masin said.

On Monday, the St. Joseph library launched online library cards. In its first day, Masin said staff signed six residents up for temporary online cards. Residents will be given actual library cards when the executive order ends.

Lincoln Township Library Director Jessica Enget said it's been a learning curve for her and the staff. One of the changes they've implemented has been the online library cards.

The library provided special instructions to the Lakeshore school community to help support their online education since schools were shut down a month ago.

Residents can visit the library's homepage to learn how to apply for these cards.

Enget said there have been 19 applications since the library launched the online service last week.

"Figuring out how to reach the community and collaborate has been the most difficult aspect to all this," Enget said. "The information overload as things have been changing on a daily basis is still very much the case. You don't even have a new normal yet. You're just living in a constant state of transition."

Benton Harbor's library has offered online library cards since three weeks ago.

Kat Boyer, Benton Harbor's library director, said they've encouraged people outside the library's service area to reach out.

Boyer's staff has helped direct them to their correct library and whether they can sign up for an online library card.

"We're trying to make sure our patrons feel supported," Boyer said. "Benton Harbor has a special challenge because many households are limited by internet connectivity."

Remaining proactive

Some libraries are still trying to do their part to help the community.

Part of those services expand beyond book loans.

Boyer said they offer shared library and video streaming services. But they've also continued to answer queries that residents have for services that can no longer be done in person.

"We get at least a couple calls a day of people asking if they can renew their books," Boyer said. "We've had a lot of tax questions. We normally have volunteers who come in and do tax preparations. A lot of people have been asking about the stimulus check. I'm not an expert in taxes and have only been able to tell them what I know."

Patrons who pass by Benton Harbor's locked doors will notice the signs explaining what is still available at the library. Staff has sent out newsletters, posted updates on social media and routed all phone calls to a specific cell phone.

Library directors are having weekly meetings as a way of touching base during the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the big topics has been the launching of summer reading.

"A lot of our programming was set to start in June," Masin said. "If that's not feasible, we're trying to work around that. That's been particularly difficult."

St. Joseph's library staff has remained proactive by taking home items in need of repair. At home, they've taped pages back together and glued the binding to books.

Masin said they are sharing various videos of authors doing readings of books over Facebook. The other week, a librarian held a Zoom meeting for her teen advisory group for updates.

"I think librarians tend to adapt fairly well, but it's been a real test," Masin said. "We're so much busier than before. There's been that learning curve of trying to figure out that next thing we could be doing for our community."

In Lincoln Township, Enget and her staff are in the process of preparing a YouTube channel with links to curate crafts or to participate in educational programs.

The library is also setting up a trivia session for the community, which is being rolled out in the next few weeks.

"The silver lining to all of this is it's given us some ideas on how to better connect to patrons," Enget said.

As for Boyer and her Benton Harbor staff, they're just looking for some sense of normalcy.

"We don't know if it will be safe to re-open in June or August," Boyer said. "I'm looking forward to being able to look past the next two weeks when planning for something."

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McGinnis named a Hometown Hero

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor's battle against illegal dumping in 2019 has not gone unnoticed.

Benton Harbor Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis recently received the Hometown Health Hero award for the work he did to clean up the city.

He said he was notified last week of the award from the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership, which was April 6-12 this year. The award event usually held at the State Capitol to honor the recipients was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

McGinnis said he is honored to receive the award.

Last year, he said he coordinated efforts that led to 2,860 tires and more than 41 tons of trash to be removed from the city.

In addition to cleaning up the city, he said his department let it be known that people who dump trash will be arrested.

"We also had 32 arrests over trash," he said. "... Three of those I arrested myself."

McGinnis said he worked with city staff to identify dumping spots and have contractors clean them up.

"We had two companies that did that. We worked hand-in-hand," he said. "In some areas, if it was a hot spot, we'd put cameras up. We have hidden cameras that we can use. That's how we caught some people."

But McGinnis said the best way to fight illegal dumping is for citizens to report it when they see it. Illegal dumping can be reported anonymously through Benton Harbor DPS Citizen Observer tip411, which is available for download for free via Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, or by calling 944-7929.

McGinnis said efforts to clean up the city are continuing this year, but a cleanup day scheduled for May will happen later this summer due to the pandemic.

This is the 16th year the partnership has presented the awards. Last year, 15 people were honored. It is unknown how many people received the award this year.

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Entergy grants Van Buren ISD $25,000 to help with pandemic response

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

LAWRENCE — Students, families and first responders in Van Buren County are benefitting from a grant that was awarded to the Van Buren Intermediate School District (ISD) last week.

Entergy, the company that owns Palisades Power Plant in Covert, gave the ISD $25,000 to help during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to ISD Superintendent Jeff Mills.

"The funds will be used to support meals to students and families throughout Van Buren County, to purchase 9,000 face shields to be used by the local fire departments, hospitals, and first responders, and to purchase devices to support staff members and students in delivering educational learning opportunities," he said.

In addition, some of the money will be available to support families and students for items or financial assistance in the coming weeks.

Patty Riddlebarger, vice president of Entergy's corporate social responsibility, said in a news release that Entergy shareholders are committing $700,000 to its COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund.

"We know from experience that working families and low-income elderly and disabled customers are hardest hit during times of crisis," she said. "We are working quickly to make funds available to community partners that serve vulnerable households to lessen the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis and ensure that families have the resources they need to get by during this time of uncertainty."

Mills said Entergy and Palisades have been wonderful supporters over the years for many activities in the community and the local school districts served by the ISD.

"It is nice to see the company step forward and provide this much needed financial support for Van Buren County residents during this COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

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Benton Harbor Charter School Academy
455 Riverview Dr.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The Benton Harbor Charter School Academy's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A copy of the RFP will be available by email at shataramorris@choiceschools.com by April 24, 2020. There will not be a pre-bid meeting.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on May 15, 2020. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Benton Harbor Charter School Academy and be clearly marked: Food Service Vended Meal Proposal.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Helping others will make you feel good and encourage you to make a personal or professional change. Updating your image to fit the lifestyle you are drawn to will give you the boost you need to reach your goal. Partnerships are favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep moving until you have finished what you started. Adopting a responsible attitude and offering a helping hand will lead to a more significant opportunity. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Have patience, take your time, consider alternatives and do your own thing. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't get involved in other people's problems. You will encounter problems if you end up going to functions by yourself. Opportunities for romance will be plentiful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pursue your dreams. You can't stop doing the things you love just because someone wants you to stick to his or her schedule. Do what you enjoy most and explore new possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Concentrate on what you are trying to achieve. Refuse to let someone lure you into something that will make your life complicated. Learn from the experience and do what makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make positive changes to the way you live, but don't try to change the way others do things. A broad-minded attitude will help you keep the peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Choose budget-friendly options to make a move or lifestyle change. Draw on your resources and skills to help save money. Discuss your intentions with a loved one.

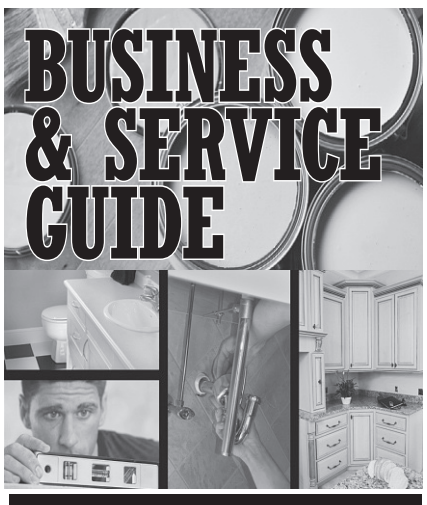
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) To avoid being misinterpreted, you'll have to spell out what's on your mind. Take nothing for granted and avoid contentious situations that could lead to an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't let what someone tells you depress you. Go directly to the source and find out precisely what transpired. Honesty and integrity are your best route to peace and good relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't get involved in conversations with people who don't listen. Constructive projects will offer the highest satisfaction. Don't make a change at home without getting the necessary approval first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dig in and don't stop until you reach your goal. A personal change you make will turn out well and encourage better relationships with the people who share your space. Romance is featured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A chance to do something worthwhile for someone will bring unexpected returns. Don't be afraid to do things differently or to choose the road less traveled.



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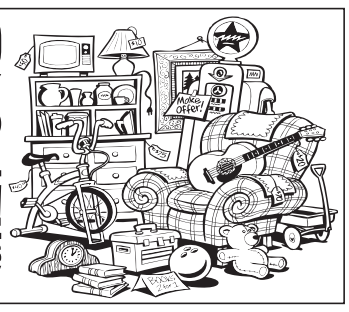

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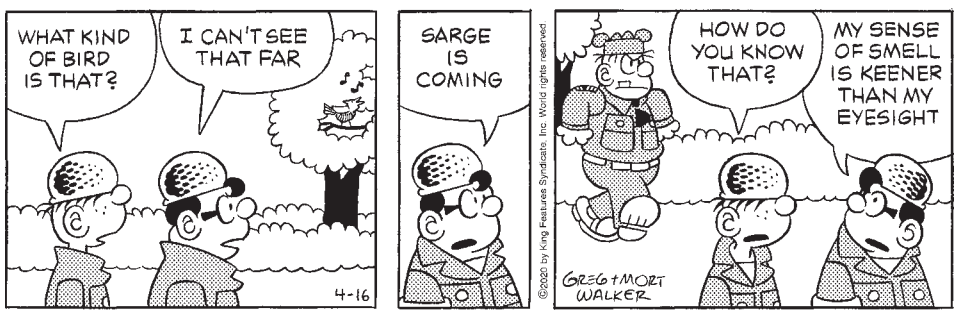
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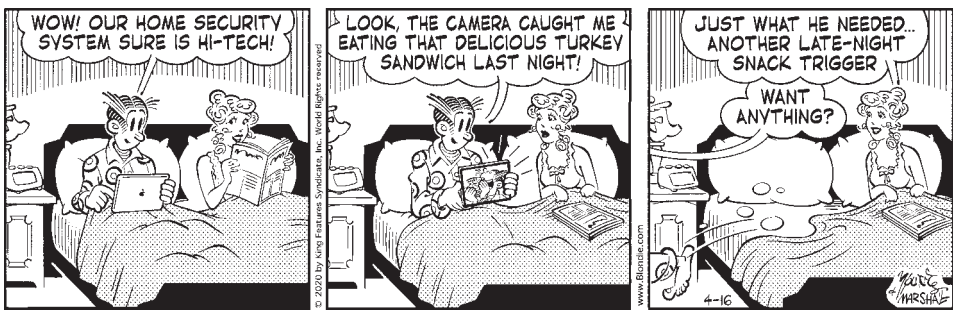
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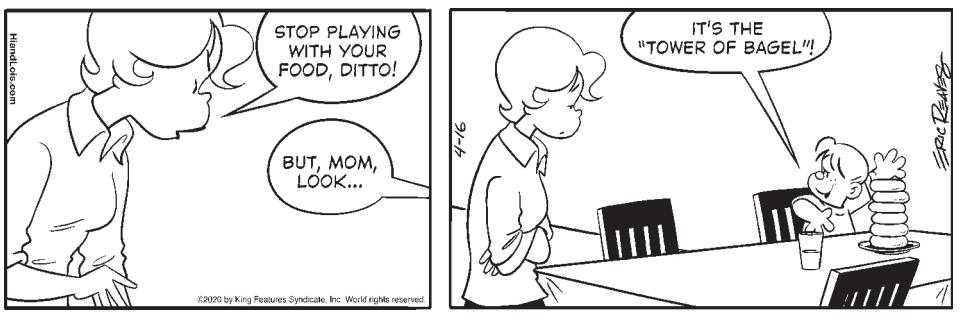

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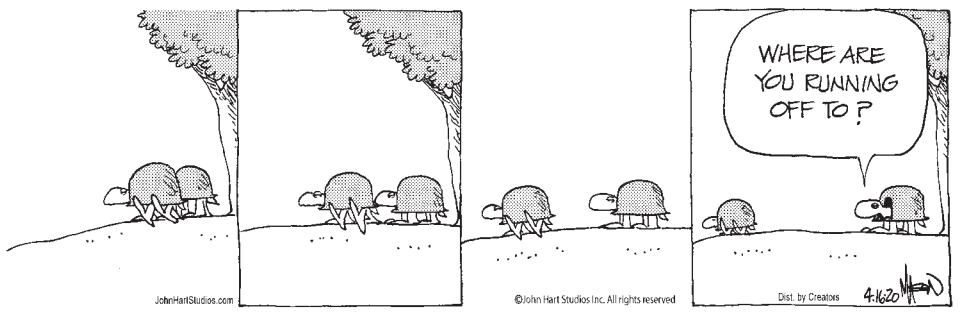

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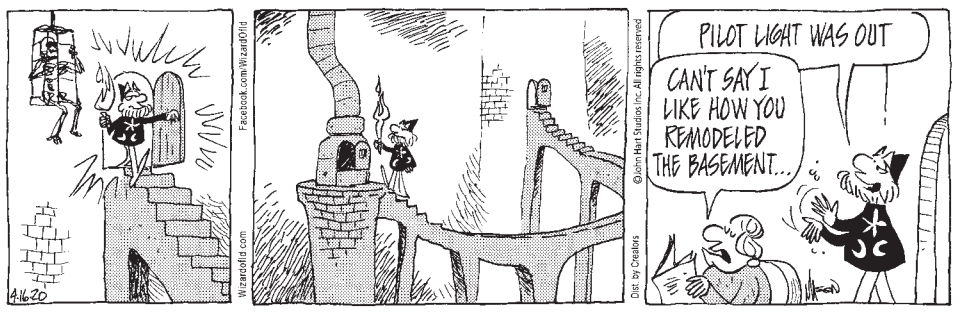

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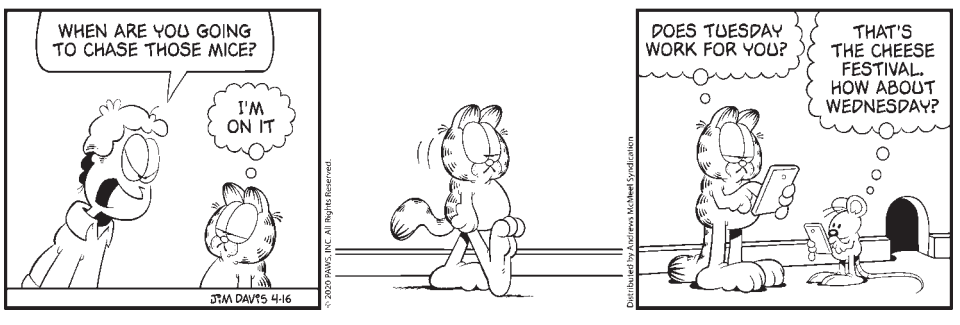
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I'M ON IT
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ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN THE TALENT SHOW?
YES! I PLAN ON SHOWING OFF MY SHELLGAME SKILLS.
ATM
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL WIN FOR THAT??
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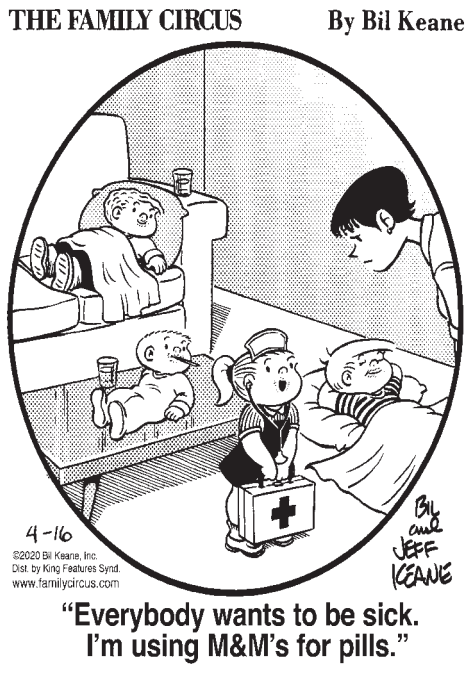

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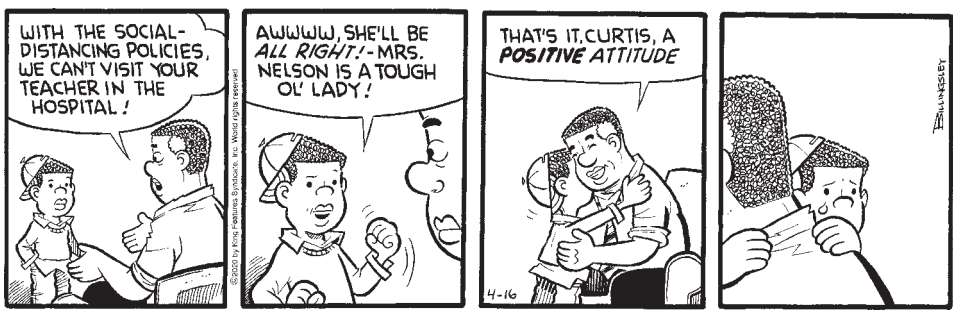
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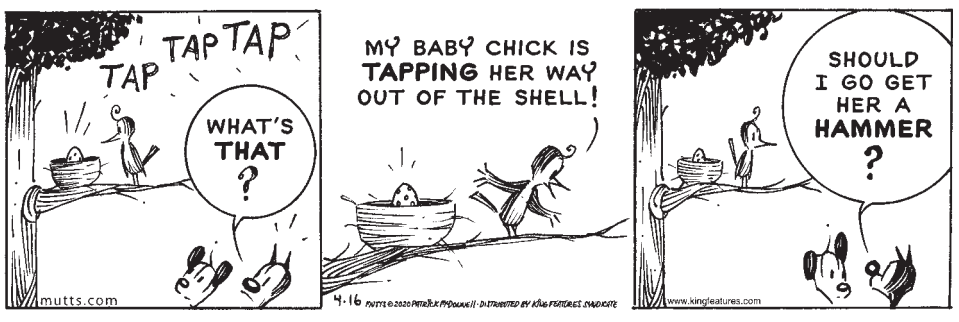

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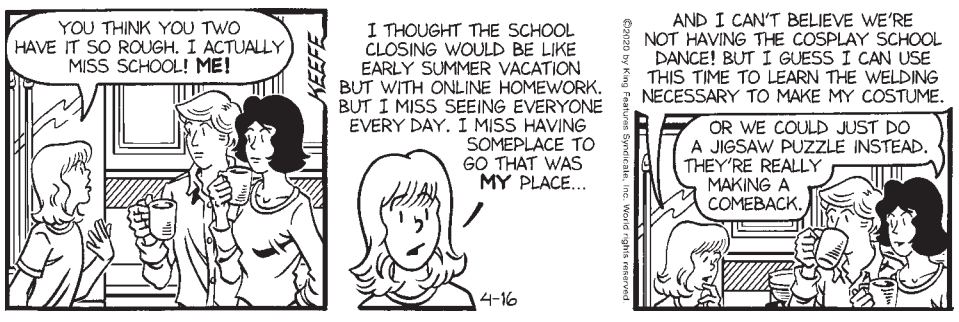
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KEEFE
I THOUGHT THE SCHOOL CLOSING WOULD BE LIKE EARLY SUMMER VACATION BUT WITH ONLINE HOMEWORK. BUT I MISS SEEING EVERYONE EVERY DAY. I MISS HAVING SOMEPLACE TO GO THAT WAS MY PLACE...
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AND I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE NOT HAVING THE COSPLAY SCHOOL DANCE! BUT I GUESS I CAN USE THIS TIME TO LEARN THE WELDING NECESSARY TO MAKE MY COSTUME.
OR WE COULD JUST DO A JIGSAW PUZZLE INSTEAD. THEY'RE REALLY MAKING A COMEBACK.
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	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 CC		Grey's Anatomy CC		:01 How to Get Away With Murder (N)	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	Man With a Plan (N)	:01 Mom (N) CC	Broke (N) CC	Tommy "Free to Go" (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Will & Grace (N)	Indebted (N) CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX (17)(222)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	:01 Mental Samurai "Week Three"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece CC		Father Brown Father Brown struggles.		To Be Announced	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene (N) CC		In the Dark "All About the Benjamin"		News	Seinfeld CC
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WGN (9)	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Gangland" (N) CC		Live PD: Wanted (N) CC		60 Days In "Moment of Truth" (N) CC	
AMC	Major League	★★ Jumanji ('95) Robin Williams. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy. CC					Home Alone
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Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Z for Zachariah	★ The Marine ('06) John Cena, Robert Patrick. CC			:35 ★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Ryan Reynolds. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
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Food	Beat Flay	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race		Restaurant: Im.	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Bowling	Red Wings Classics Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals. (N)					
Freefrm	★★★ Back to the Future Part II ('89, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. CC					Siren Ryn helps her surrogate. (N) CC	
FX	★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle. CC					Better Things	Breeders CC
Golf	6:00 LPGA Tour Golf					PGA Tour Golf CC	
Hallmark	Royal Hearts	The Sweetest Heart ('18, Romance) Julie Gonzalo, Chris McNally. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Casino Royale	Run CC	★★ It: Chapter Two ('19, Horror) Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader. CC				
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		:03 Swamp People	
HGTV	Bones	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	King of Queens	Married at First Sight The eight-week experiment ends. (N) CC				King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Families of the Mafia		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Blackhawks Classics					Classics
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Madagascar 2		Madagascar 2		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Saving	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Mark of a Killer	Killer Couples ((F)) (N) CC		Mark of a Killer "Deadly Summer" (N)		Kemper on Kemper: Inside The Mind	
Parmt	★★ Sweet Home Alabama			Wife Swap (N) CC		Sweet Home	
Showtime	★★ Poms ('19) Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver. CC			★★ A Dog's Journey ('19) Voice of Josh Gad, Kathryn Prescott. CC			
Starz	:08 ★★ Smokin' Aces ('07, Action) Ben Affleck. CC			8:59 ★★★ Spider-Man: Far From Home ('19, Action) Tom Holland. CC			
STZENC	:02 ★★ Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time ('10) CC			★★★ The River Wild ('94, Action) Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon. CC			
SyFy	Fast & Furious	★★ Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters ('13) Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton. CC				★★ Constantine ('05) CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	★★ The Devil Doll	★★★★ A Star Is Born ('54) Judy Garland, James Mason. An actor turns to alcohol as his wife becomes a megastar. CC					
TMC	6:00 Beowulf	★★★ The Bank Job ('08) Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows. CC				★★★ Jarhead ('05, War) CC	
TNT	6:30 ★★ Justice League			Shaq Life	Shaq Life	★★ Taken 2	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Psych CC	Psych Missing camp counselor. CC		Psych Yin Yang serial killer returns.		Psych International art thief. CC	
VH1	Baby Boy	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Invitations to marketing parties overwhelm uninterested friend

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my mid-40s, and a LOT of my female friends are involved in multilevel marketing companies. Whether it be for eyelashes, supplements, jewelry, anti-aging products, candles, leggings, etc., I receive nonstop "invitations" to buy their products.

I'm old enough to know from experience that most of the products are rubbish, and many times way overpriced. I'm simply not interested. How do I politely (yet firmly) decline the invitations that come my way without hurting their feelings? – Multilevel Marketing Hater

DEAR MULTILEVEL MARKETING: It's time you recognize the difference between a friendship and a marketing ploy. If you are invited to something, feel free to ask whether there will be any selling and, if there will be, decline. To do so is not being rude or hurtful. Women who are really your friends will continue to be, and those who aren't will disappear.

DEAR ABBY: My mom and stepdad occasionally watch my children to help us out or to spend time with them. I just found out that Mom will not put my 8-month-old into a crib or Pack 'n Play to sleep. She puts her into bed along with my 4-year-old son. I have asked my mother repeatedly not to do that, not only for safety, but so everyone can sleep. She refuses. She says I should trust them, and they should be allowed to do whatever they want when the kids are with them. Please tell me what to do. – Frustrated Daughter

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Why you should trust someone who deliberately ignores your wishes is beyond me. Let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not allow your children to stay with your mother under these circumstances. Sometimes Mama does NOT know best, and this is one of them. If you prefer your children not share the same bed, your wishes should be respected.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I live quite far from town and spend a lot of time in the car – usually his. He bought some air fresheners for his car, which made me nauseated and gave me headaches. I asked him to please remove them, but he refused because he doesn't want to waste the $2.50. He said he likes the smell.

Abby, we have two other vehicles we can take. I felt it was such a small thing he could do to make me feel better. He doesn't agree. What is your opinion on the matter? – Stunk Up In Florida

DEAR STUNK: You may be allergic to something in that air freshener, which is why you got the headache and became nauseated. Asking your boyfriend to remove it was a small thing – not like asking him to remove a limb. If he were less self-centered and more considerate, he would have accommodated you.

In my opinion, you should take one of the other cars when you drive together.

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Daughter-in-law feels abandoned when grandparents move away

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: Four years ago, my son and daughter-in-law moved back to our hometown so they could have family support while raising their young kids. I babysit my two sweet granddaughters free of charge twice a week and am the go-to babysitter for other events as they come up. It's been a wonderful experience for all of us.

Now, my granddaughters are approaching school age and my daughter is pregnant with her first baby. I'd like to offer her the support I've offered my son, and my husband and I have decided to move closer to her, at least for a few years.

My daughter-in-law is furious. She says that she and my son sacrificed career progress to move closer to us, and that if my daughter wants that benefit, then she should also be the one to move. She says they wouldn't have "upended their lives" if they'd realized we were going to "abandon" them.

I'm trying to give them plenty of advance notice, and I don't see four years of free child care as abandonment. Are we terrible people for moving? – Allowed to Move?

Allowed to Move?: Your daughter-in-law responded terribly. No question. It's childish emotional incontinence.

But there's a piece missing: Why? Did your son and daughter-in-law move of their own accord, to be closer to you – or did they ask you to move closer, and decide to relocate only after you refused to?

If it's the former, then maybe she's just feeling rejected and is projecting that outward. Again – an explanation, not an excuse.

If it's the latter, then you need to answer head-on the question of why you wouldn't move for them but now will move for your daughter, especially if your daughter-in-law has grounds to feel slighted.

Of course, even if you had refused their request for you to move closer, had insisted on staying put, and even if they did move only to be closer to you, that wouldn't mean you're chained to your location forever. It also wouldn't make it OK for your daughter-in-law to unload her fury on you. You're adults and you can change your minds as your circumstances change.

However, it's important to try on the perspective of people who are upset with you. Even if they moved entirely on their own initiative, they're still losing out on a close grand-relationship for their kids they thought they'd secured by moving – not just on free child care. Framing things in a more respectful way and acknowledging their loss is a generous response to hard feelings.

Carolyn: Thanks for the thoughtful answer. I will try to approach conversations more holistically. My son and daughter-in-law did not ask me to move – they informed me they would be moving. My daughter works in a highly specialized industry that only exists in a few cities; moving would be impossible for her. – Allowed to Move? again

Allowed to Move? again: Hmm. Daughter-in-law might be upset with herself and/or your son for uprooting based on the assumption you'd be there forever, which would be understandable, but only if managed "in-self" and not splashed out in fury at you.

Nevertheless, compassionate and nondefensive will still be your best position from which to discuss this with them. I hope tensions ease for you soon.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Unopened flower
4 Durable wood
8 Shocks
12 Turkish title
13 Injection
14 Fitzgerald or Raines
15 Sneaky
16 Oboe feature
17 Unskilled worker
18 Temple city of Japan
20 Perfumed pouches
22 Siesta
24 Lock's companion
25 Hit a homer
28 Some tests
32 Heifer
33 "— Bravo"
35 Court case
36 Cargo area
38 A Gabor
39 Shad's eggs
40 Hot topic
42 Crocheted blanket
45 Hosp. staffer
47 Old French coin
48 Lost
52 Man-eating giants
56 Aspirin target
57 Joule fractions
59 Catchall abbr.
60 Dove sounds
61 Superman's attire
62 Santa — winds
63 Cluster
64 Victorian oath
65 Pie container

DOWN
1 Lie in the sun
2 Like gargoyles
3 The Banana Boat Song (hyph.)
4 Gullet
5 Look over
6 Mimics
7 Early camera
8 Gentle breezes
9 Helm position
10 Map a course
11 Lacking
19 Amatol ingredient
21 Corporate exec
23 Marquette's title
25 Shows disapproval
26 Pointed tools
27 Aria performer
29 Ambiance
30 Zodiac beast
31 Sault — Marie
32 Greek letter
34 Louts
37 Most boring
41 Clean water org.
43 Spurred on
44 Embrace
46 Female relative
48 Big truck
49 Mouse target
50 Go away!
51 Pull along
53 Do a farm job
54 Vulcan's forge
55 Flip through
58 Student stat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	E	T		E	B	B			D	U	C	K
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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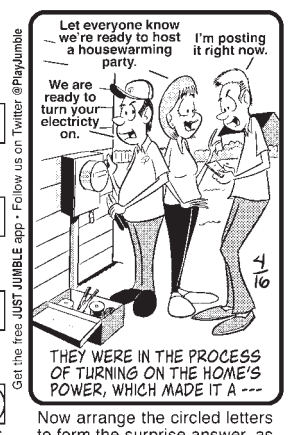
NUFNY

FIVYER

EBRTET


Let everyone know we're ready to host a housewarming party.
I'm posting it right now.
We are ready to turn your electricity on.
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THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF TURNING ON THE HOME'S POWER, WHICH MADE IT A ---
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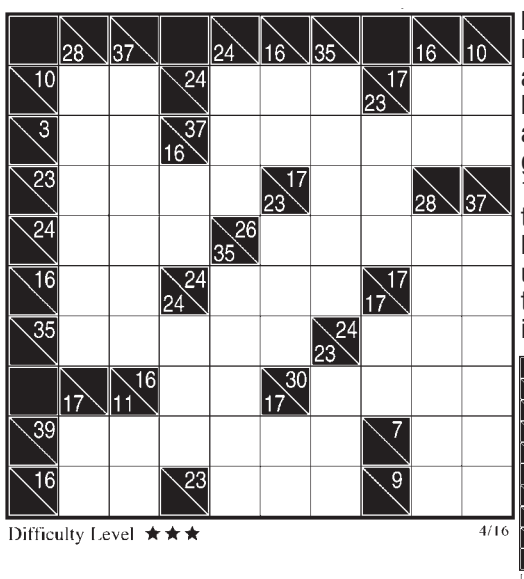
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

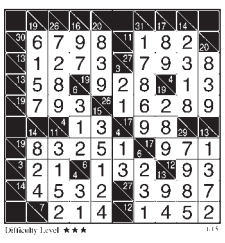
Yesterday's Jumbles: EXILE MESSY BETRAY CACKLE
Answer: They sold ketches, sloops and cutters. The total cost of each boat included — "SAILS" TAX

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/16

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1:15

BRIDGE

I am asked by students if they should study suit combinations. Well, it cannot hurt, but don't even think of trying to learn them all. Every situation should be taken not in isolation but in terms of all 52 cards.

Consider today's deal. Looking only at the North-South heart suit, how would you play it for no losers?

Right! You have heard of the saying, "eight ever, nine never." With only eight trumps missing the queen, you take a finesse; whereas with nine trumps, you cash the ace and king, hoping the queen will drop. Those are the percentage plays, but is it right to cash the top honors here?

Following North's Jacoby game-forcing raise, South's four-heart rebid showed a minimum opening with no side-suit singleton or void.

West leads a spade, the defenders playing three rounds of the suit. Declarer has lost two tricks and is faced with potential losers in both red suits. A winning guess in hearts or a successful finesse in diamonds or clubs will bring home the contract. But there is a line of play that will save either a guess or a finesse. Declarer plays a heart to his ace and a heart to dummy's nine.

Here the finesse wins, so the contract is safe. But suppose the finesse loses – what would East return? If a spade, declarer ruffs in one hand and sluffs his diamond loser from the other. If a minor, South collects three tricks in that suit, again avoiding another loser.

Note that if South cashes the heart ace and king, he will go down with the given distribution.

North 04-16-20
♠ Q J 10
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K J 3
♣ A J 5

West
♠ K 8 6 3
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 7 6 3

East
♠ A 9 5
♥ 6
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 10 9 4 2

South
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A J 8 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ K 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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				5		8		3
8							7	6
	1		4	6			3	2
4	9			8			1	5
5	3			2	9		8	
1	5							8
3		4		7				
				9			5	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	1	7	8	6	9	3	5	2
8	2	5	3	4	1	7	9	6
3	6	9	7	2	5	4	8	1
7	5	4	2	1	8	6	3	9
9	3	1	6	7	4	8	2	5
6	8	2	5	9	3	1	7	4
2	7	3	4	5	6	9	1	8
1	4	8	9	3	2	5	6	7
5	9	6	1	8	7	2	4	3

Vail Rubber Works names new president

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Vail Rubber Works announced Wednesday the appointment of Vail Harding to serve as president of the St. Joseph firm.

HARDING

Harding becomes the fifth president in the manufacturing company's 127-year history. The appointment becomes effective today.

Harding joined Vail Rubber in October 1998 as a sales engineer/applications specialist. He moved through the customer service area and into engineering and manufacturing where he became manager of manufacturing and maintenance in February 2015.

This time last year, Harding was promoted to vice president of operations.

HANLEY

Harding will succeed Joseph "Bill" Hanley, who has served as Vail Rubber's president since 1989. According to a news release, Hanley will continue to serve on Vail Rubber's board of directors.

"We're very pleased to announce Vail's promotion to serve as the next president of Vail Rubber and confident that, with his leadership and experience and the support of his strong management, sales and production teams, Vail Rubber will be in good hands as we move further into our second century," Hanley said in the release. "Vail's promotion to president also completes the company's senior management transition from fourth- to fifth-generation family management of Vail Rubber."

In his new role, Harding will be supported by Matt Hanley, vice president of sales and technology, and Brian Nimtz, vice president of finance.

Harding, a graduate of Grand Valley State University, holds degrees in criminal justice, sociology and mechanical engineering.

Harding lives in St. Joseph with his wife, Jackie, and their two sons.

He's president of the Rubber Roller Group, serves as a director on the Kinexus Group Board, and is also on the boards of two subsidiaries of the Kinexus Group – Youth Solutions and the MMTA (Michigan Manufacturing and Technology Group.

Founded in 1892 by William A. Vail, Vail Rubber today provides rubber and polyurethane roll coverings as well as steel cores, repairs and other related products and services to several U.S. industries.

Vail Rubber's primary operations are on Langley Avenue in St. Joseph. The company also has a manufacturing facility in Alabama.

Vail Rubber broke ground on a Royalton Township facility – located on Glenlord Avenue – last year. Operations are expected to begin at the new location later this year.

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POLE BARN FIRE

Photo courtesy South Haven Area Emergency Services

Firefights battle a fire that destroyed a pole barn in Arlington Township Tuesday night. Bangor Community Fire Department was dispatched at 10 p.m. to the fire at 49344 38th Avenue. Mutual aid was provided by three other Van Buren County fire departments – Columbia Township, Lawrence Township and South Haven Area Emergency Services. The building was totally engulfed in fire with the roof collapsed when the first units arrived. The building contained farm equipment and hay. There were no injuries reported. The cause remains under investigation.

OBITUARIES

Willie B. Robinson

June 6, 1931 – April 13, 2020

Accepting the King's invitation to the Banquet, Willie B. Robinson put on the garments of salvation and peacefully transitioned on April 13, 2020, at the age of 88, while residing at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor.

A private service will be held for immediate family. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Willie B. Robinson was born on June 6, 1931, in Wabash, Ark., to John Otley and Clara Annebelle Spencer Archibald. She was the fourth of seven children.

Willie B., affectionately called "Sister" by family and close friends, was baptized at an early age after accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Sylvester Edwards Sr. on March 24, 1946, and to this union seven children were born: Alice Lancaster of Chicago, Sylvester Edwards Jr. of Benton Harbor, John O. Edwards of Stevensville, Evelyn Wilburn of Newark, N.J., James Edwards of Houston, Steve Edwards of Benton Harbor and Larry Edwards.

Honored by the institution of marriage for a second time, Willie B. married Charles Bennett Robinson in 1983, and to that union two children were born: Cassandra Edwards of Kalamazoo and Cheryl Edwards of Benton Harbor.

Willie B. was a faithful member of the Greater Community Christian Fellowship Church led by Pastor Nathaniel Wells III. Her last place of employment before retirement was Modern Plastics Corporation, Benton Harbor.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Clara Archibald; her brothers, Willie (Bully) Horton, Johnny William Archibald and her twin, William Fletcher Archibald; her sisters, Effie G. Clay, Ozell Archibald and Lucille Sanders; her husbands, Sylvester Edwards Sr. and Charles B. Robinson; her son, James Edwards; her daughter, Cheryl Edwards; and her grandson, Steven Ugene Gill.

Willie B. leaves to cherish her memory: four sons, Sylvester Edwards Jr., John O. Edwards, Steve Edwards and Larry Edwards; three daughters, Alice Lancaster, Evelyn Wilburn and Cassandra Edwards; 22 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and scores of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Hollie Jean Milius

July 7, 1978 – April 13, 2020

Hollie Jean Milius, 41, of Stevensville passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Hollie was born on July 7, 1978, to Robert and Sandra (Baker) Baushke in St. Joseph. She graduated from Lakeshore High School and continued her education at Lake Michigan College, where she was trained to be a Certified Nursing Assistant. She was currently working as a CNA for Right at Home.

Hollie enjoyed going to the beach and watching movies with her children. She also like to cook and shop. She would be seen most times wearing her favorite wardrobe piece, pink camo, and red plaid shawl. Hollie was a very giving and selfless person, always trying to put smiles on other people's faces. Most of all, Hollie loved to spend her time with her family, especially her five children and cats, Neva and Luna.

Hollie is survived by her children, who she loved to the moon and back, Skyllar, Cain, Logan, Cayden and Ireland; parents, Robert and Sandy Baushke of Stevensville; sisters, Heather (Matt Hosbein) Baushke of Stevensville and Heidi (Jeff) Traver of Hartford; aunt, Deb Burch of Stevensville; uncle, Rick (Sheryl) Baker of Silverdale, Wash.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

Hollie's family would like to thank the Bridgman school district for the care and support they have provided for her family during this time.

Death notices

Robert Bell, 60, of Benton Harbor died April 14, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Helen Conrad, 91, of Benton Harbor died April 13, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Stephanie R. Davis-Delaney, 48, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Benton Harbor died April 14, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Randy Lee Hilliard, 66, of Benton Harbor died April 12, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Willie B. Robinson, 88, of Benton Harbor died April 13, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

John Scheuer

July 13, 1936 – April 12, 2020

John Scheuer, 83, of Coloma passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Born July 13, 1936, in Gabos, Yugoslavia, John and his family lived in Vodjinci until forced to flee to Garsten, Austria, where they were refugees from 1944 to 1951. The beauty and relative tranquility of Garsten imprinted deeply on John, and the mountain village remained dear to him throughout his life. In 1951, the family emigrated to the United States and settled in Coloma, where John learned to speak English and graduated high school as senior class president. After high school, he served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in North Africa, and at the Pentagon, and particularly enjoyed his time in the Strategic Air Command, specializing in weather.

After the service, John jumped headfirst into family life, marrying his sweetheart, Lois Brown, and raising four children together. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 23. John was a tireless provider for his family, working as corrugator supervisor for Menasha Corporation for 42 years, as well as at his brother's hardware store.

Outside of work, John was the go-to guy if anything was broken. He was handy, talented and interested in everything, enjoying an array of activities over the years, including bowling, gardening, woodworking, fishing, golfing, playing harmonica, sketching and painting, which he continued well into his later life. He was a gifted storyteller and always had a funny or fascinating tale from the old country. And every July 4th, he could be found sweating over his trusty Weber kettle, grilling heaps of mouth-watering steaks for his family and friends.

But what we will miss most is John's kind, gentle and fun-loving spirit. He delighted in all children, especially his grandchildren, jumping at any chance to play goofy games with them, teach them German songs and rhymes, or be the most exuberant cheerleader at their sporting events. Winter days found him pushing his snow blower from house to house, clearing driveways for his neighbors. Years ago, John built a swing, hung it from a ridiculously high tree branch in his yard and proceeded to thrill his kids – and then grandkids – by sending them soaring to dangerous heights. He invited everyone he knew to swim in the pool he constructed – never has an above ground pool served so many, for so many decades. On his 70th birthday, he flew in a glider. And in his passing, we rejoice that he is free to fly once more.

John will always be dearly loved. Until we meet again, he will live on in the memories of his wife, Lois; siblings, Tony (Virginia) Scheuer and Elisabeth (the late John Koerts) Scheuer; brother-in-law, Bill (Eileen) Abler; children, David (Heather) Scheuer, Julie (Dan) Smith, Linda (Jim) Goering and Marina (Wes) McCreary; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Eva Scheuer; brothers, Jože and Mira; and sisters, Barbara (the late George) Wolfram and Theresa Abler.

Due to current quarantine guidelines, a service will be held at a later date at Duffield & Pastrick Funeral Home in Coloma. In remembrance of John, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of choice.

Emmett Jones Jr.

Sept. 2, 1962 – April 8, 2020

Emmett Jones Jr., 57, of Benton Harbor departed this life April 8, 2020.

A private service will be held for immediate family. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Emmett graduated from Benton Harbor High and went to work for his uncle at Robinson Construction and Transports, where he became known for his building and remodeling home skills and blueprint reading. He was always giving and helping others. He loved to fish and when challenged by friends as to who would catch the most fish, he always won.

Emmett leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Anna M. El; son, Juan Campbell; sisters, Annette Robinson, Rosetta Lockett and Diane Woods; brother, Donnell Robinson; granddaughters, Tynesha Campbell and Tymera Campbell; grandson, Tijuan Campbell; and a host of family and friends.

Emmett was preceded in death by his father, Emmett Jones Sr.; sister, Charlene Thompson; uncle, Eddy Robinson; and nephew, Kevin Martin.

IN BRIEF

Mike Tyson brings tour to Four Winds

NEW BUFFALO — Former boxer Mike Tyson will bring his "Undisputed Truth: Round 2" tour to Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. July 10 one-man show are now on sale. They range from $55-$85, and can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com.

The former heavyweight boxing champion will share untold stories, focusing on the ups and downs of his career and post-boxing life.

Tyson was one of the most feared boxers in the ring. In 2011, he was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame.

His post-boxing career in entertainment spans blockbuster movies to documentaries to the animated series "Mike Tyson Mysteries."

He is a best-selling author, and released his memoir, "Undisputed Truth," in 2013. In 2017, he teamed up with writer Larry "Ratso" Sloman for "Iron Ambition: My Life With Cus D'Amato."

During the past three years, he has toured with his one-man show, which also aired as an HBO special.

For more information about Four Winds, call 866-494-6371.

Live-streaming series continues at The Acorn

THREE OAKS — The new live-streaming series at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, continues at 8 p.m. tonight on The Acorn's Facebook page.

Tonight's featured artist is Mary Fahl. Viewers can comment and interact with her during the concert.

Those without a Facebook account can find a live link to the concert on The Acorn's website, www.acornlive.org, tonight.

Fahl's cinematic songs draw on classical and world music sources, American art songs and folk-pop. Before going solo, she achieved fame as lead singer for October Project in the mid-1990s.

Other upcoming live-streaming concerts on The Acorn's Facebook page are:

■ Mark Dawson, 8 p.m. April 23

■ The Bergamot, 8 p.m. April 30

■ Rachael Davis, 8 p.m. May 7

More SH Performance Series concerts canceled

SOUTH HAVEN — Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Haven Performance Series has canceled its May, June and July concerts.

Organizers hope to reschedule the canceled artists during the 2021 series.

A decision will be made on the 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 concert featuring the Kalamazoo-based Tom Knific Quartet at a later date.

The ensemble features area musicians Susan Wiersma Uchimura on piano, Bruce Uchimura on cello, Tom Knific on double bass and Renata Artman Knific on violin.

There is a suggested $10 admission for the show at First United Methodist Church, 429 Michigan Ave. Students are admitted for free.

A traditional holiday concert will be announced at a later date.

For more information, visit southhavenperformanceseries.org.

Mendel Center announces rescheduled events

BENTON HARBOR — Organizers at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center have started to reschedule some of the 50-plus events that were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

So far, the following events have been rescheduled. New dates and times are:

■ Motown All-Star Spectacular – 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25

■ The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series presents Brian Skerry – 7:30 p.m., Oct. 28

■ Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood: Scared Scriptless – 4 p.m., Jan. 24

■ The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series presents Henry Winkler – 7:30 p.m., April 20, 2021

■ Aureum: An Aerial and Acrobatic Adventure Tale – 8 p.m., May 7, 2021

The college's IT department has equipped Mendel Center staff with the tools to continue offering box office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays by telephone and email.

All the latest performance and event information is available online at www.themendelcenter.com.

Cal Rapson, beloved labor leader in Flint, dies, union says

FLINT (AP) — Cal Rapson, a retired leader in the United Auto Workers and longtime labor activist in the Flint area, has died, the union said Wednesday.

A cause and Rapson's age weren't disclosed.

Rapson was a college student when he spent the summer of 1965 working at a General Motors engine plant in Flint. By 2010, more than 40 years later, he retired as a UAW vice president who had negotiated contracts with GM, General Dynamics and other major companies.

"Our brother, Cal Rapson, always described himself as a Flint man, but he was far more than that," UAW President Rory Gamble. "He was an activist, a dedicated leader and a fighter for UAW members and America's working families."

Genesee County prosecutor David Leyton credited Rapson with helping him get the Democratic Party's nomination for attorney general in 2010. They met for pizza earlier this year.

"He knew everybody, and they knew him," Leyton said. "Cal was a man of the people. There was nothing haughty about him. He was all about helping working families. He was a Flint and Genesee County guy through and through."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Fifth-grade twins from Lakeshore's Roosevelt Elementary School were the first and third place winners in the school's fifth-grade Geography Bee competition. Nicolas DeLong was the first place winner and his sister, Kymberly, took third place.

35 years ago – 1985

A week after his 18th birthday, Donald Nichols of South Haven received a license from the Coat Guard to operate a 100-ton vessel in inland waterways. Nichols is one of the youngest people in the Great Lakes region qualified to operate that size vessel, said Lt. Charles Kakuska of the Coast Guard station in Toledo. Kakuska said it is hard for a young person to put in the required 360 days at the helm of a commercial-size boat unless his family owns one. His parents, Donald and Vicki Nichols, own the charter boat, Captain Nichols, moored in South Haven.

50 years ago – 1970

Chester Walker, the most successful Benton Harborite ever to compete in pro sports, will be the guest speaker at the Twin City YMCA's annual meeting. Walker made the Colfax coliseum famous as his personal shooting gallery in the late 1950s, then went on to All-American honors at Bradley University and professional stardom with the Syracuse Nats, Philadelphia 76ers and Chicago Bulls. His trade to the Bulls last season was a major reason the Chicago club became a formidable opponent in the NBA.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 16, the 107th day of 2020. There are 259 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 16, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg. U.S. forces invaded the Japanese island of Ie Shima (ee-eh shee-mah).

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people. At the South Carolina statehouse, financier Bernard M. Baruch declared: "Let us not be deceived – we are today in the midst of a cold war."

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Snow	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
43°	34°	41° / 35°	49° / 43°	47° / 40°	48° / 42°

Local Outlook

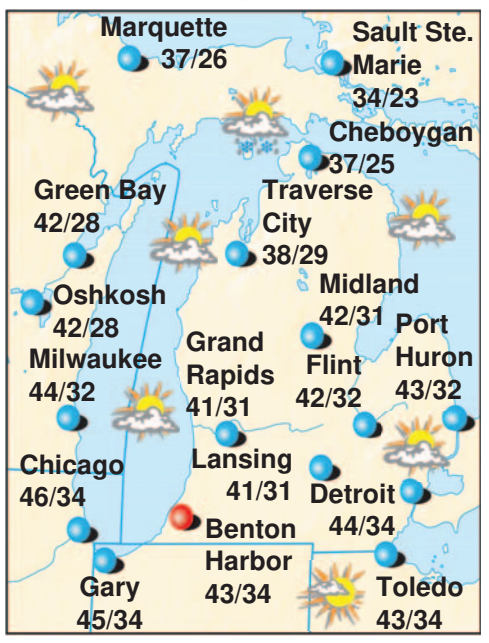
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 43°, humidity of 42%. West wind 7 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 34°. South wind 2 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 33°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:02 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	4:29 a.m.
Moonset	2:17 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
4/22	4/30	5/7	5/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	39°
Low	29°
Normal High	60°
Normal Low	38°
Record High	87° in 2002
Record Low	23° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.08"
Month to date	1.58"
Normal for month	1.64"
Year to date	8.47"
Normal Year to date	7.29"

Air Quality

Yesterday 40

Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

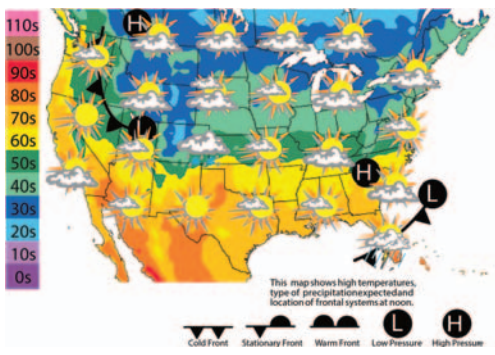
Weather Trivia

What does the Saffir-Simpson Scale try to measure?

Answer: Hurricane characteristics, such as peak winds and damage potential.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 16, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind around 12 kt. Partly sunny. Waves 3 to 4 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind around 6 kt. A chance of snow. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 30s. West southwest wind 8 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West wind 7 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with widespread snow, highs in the 40s. South wind 2 to 7 mph.

KIDS

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and it doesn't go into the water. We saw a few people and they said 'Thank you' and 'Good for you'," she said.

As a bonus, Isabelle said, she found three geodes and nine Indian beads (crinoid fossils) which she kept for her family of "rock nerds."

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INFO

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people had died and 1,000 were sickened in the country after ingesting methanol, a toxic alcohol rumored to be a remedy on social media. An Arizona man also died after taking chloroquine phosphate – a product that some mistake for the anti-malaria drug chloroquine, which President Donald Trump and conservative pundits have touted as a treatment for COVID-19. Health officials have warned the drug hasn't been proven safe or effective as a virus therapy.

Days later, Twitter and Facebook began cracking down in unprecedented ways on posts promoting unverified treatments.

Twitter deleted a post by Trump's personal attorney Rudy Giuliani that described hydroxychloroqine, a cousin to chloroquine, as "100 percent effective" against coronavirus. The company also removed a tweet from Fox News personality Laura Ingraham touting what she called the drug's "promising results."

Other widely shared claims that hydroxychloroquine cures COVID-19 live on. A conservative radio host's tweet claiming that "ALL hospitals and health care workers are using it with total success" has been shared more than 12,000 times.

In what may be a first, Facebook removed a post from Brazilian President Jair Bolsanaro, who promoted hydroxychloroquine as "working in every place" to treat coronavirus. Twitter also removed an associated video.

Facebook has long resisted calls to fact check or remove false claims directly made by politicians, arguing the public should be able to see what their elected officials say. In this pandemic, however, the platforms have no choice but to rethink their rules around misinformation, said Dipayan Ghosh, co-director of the Platform Accountability Project at Harvard Kennedy School.

"The damage to society is clear cut: it's death," Ghosh said. "They don't want to be held responsible in any way for perpetuating rumors that could lead directly to death."

Other sites have also tightened their policies.

Paul Sancya / AP

Cars driven by protesters line the streets of Lansing. Residents from across the state drove to the capital to urge Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to ease stay-at-home restrictions.

PROTEST

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It's an economic disaster for Michigan," coalition member Meshawn Maddock told The Associated Press.

Brooks said it's been "extremely frustrating."

"We just want to get low-risk businesses opened back up. Our industries as a whole are very aware of safety standards," she said.

She said in landscaping, for example, they use personal protective equipment (PPE) on a regular basis.

"We're handling chemicals and are in contact with airborne particles. We're using safety equipment and do regular safety trainings. It's very frustrating that we can't continue to work now," Brooks said.

The governor has acknowledged the pain but said the restrictions were necessary to stop the spread of the coronavirus, which causes a respiratory illness that has killed more than 1,900 Michigan residents.

The protest Wednesday made big ripples, according to The AP. Traffic was barely moving around 1 p.m. nearby on westbound Interstate 496. In addition, large groups of people were seen leaving their vehicles and gathering on the sidewalks around the Capitol Building.

Whitmer, during a news conference later Wednesday afternoon, said that she supports the protestor's right to free speech, and that she understands that they want to take their anger out on her.

"I know they're worried about their businesses. I feel that," she said. "I would encourage them to start thinking, and planning, for what happens when they reopen. We're going to have to have confidence we can reopen sectors safely."

In addition, Whitmer said she worries that the gathering spread the disease.

"We know that when people gather that way, without masks, in close proximity and touching one another, that's how COVID-19 spreads," she said. "The sad irony here is that the protest was that they don't like being in this stay home order, and they may have just created a need to lengthen it, which is something we're trying to avoid at all costs."

Brooks said the convoy of Southwest Michigan folks that went took precautions to not spread the virus.

"We all have full gas tanks, food, and people riding in cars together live in the same households," Brooks said. "We want to make sure our movement across the state is not spreading the virus."

She said the Southwest Michigan groups went into the protest in a positive way, with the hope that it was a wakeup call for the governor and legislators.

"We're staying at home with nothing to do," Brooks said. "This was an opportunity for us small business owners, most of whom are usually too busy working to protest, to make our voices heard."

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